

mons which have arisen, has abandoned his intention of going to New York on Saturday to address the Young Men's Democratic Club at the Hotel Knickerbocker. He will lay the whole problem before the Cabinet tomorrow.

Up to a late hour today Mr. Arredondo had not presented the note from his government to the State Department. All morning the embassy was busily decoding it and translating it into English. It may be presented to Mr. Lansing this afternoon or tomorrow.

Although it is stated at the embassy that the official translation will not contain the objectionable phrases appearing in the unofficial translation, enough has been translated to indicate that the substance of the official note is identical with the unofficial translation.

The communication purports to disclose in sensational manner a distortion ("crooked interpretation") was the way the unofficial translation put it) by the United States of the original proposals of Carranza for a reciprocity agreement.

It charges that the American Government assumed as a formal consent to the expedition, a proposal which was intended to deal exclusively with future contingencies which might arise. In this connection it will be recalled that at the time the original exchanges were first published, The Times called attention to the conflict between what the United States assumed had been the proposals of Carranza and what his proposals actually were.

It asserts flatly that on March 23 Secretary Lansing, in conference with Mr. Arredondo, confirmed declarations previously made by Counsellor Frank L. Polk, of the State Department (referred to in one part of the note as unofficially translated as "one Frank Polk") that the expedition would not proceed any further than it was on that date. Since then Pershing's forces have gone about 200 miles further into Mexico.

It refers to Special Agent Rodgers, of the State Department at Queretaro as "begging" that instructions be issued by the Carranza authorities to permit the transportation of supplies to Pershing over the Mexican Northwestern.

#### HAS NOT ASKED FOR ROADS.

As late as yesterday Secretary Lansing gave it to be understood that the American Government had not asked for the use of either the Mexican Northwestern or Mexican Central, both of which roads are actually being used for the purpose.

At the State Department today Secretary Lansing, Counsellor Polk, and other officials refused absolutely to comment on the communication. Nor would they consent to straighten out the apparent contradictions between the statements of the Carranza government and their own previous assertions. The attitude of the whole department was one of irritation, and it was declared that nothing would be said until the official text of the note was in hand.

At the Mexican embassy there is strong indignation over the fact that the text of the note became public before it was received at the embassy. It is charged that telegraph operators between here and Queretaro were responsible for the "leak."

The phrase "crooked interpretation," it is stated at the embassy, will appear as "distortion" in the official translation. "One Frank Polk," it is stated, should read "Hon. Frank Polk."

In order to assure the State Department that the cruder expressions are not contained in the note, Mr. Arredondo will probably present copies of the communication in both English and Spanish.

**Senators Grave.**  
That the note of the Carranza government to this Government asking withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico threatens to cause a grave situation, was the opinion expressed by a number of Senators today.

Not only Republicans but Democrats took this view of it.

The disposition of Senators was to think that this Government must either withdraw its troops or send more to the border, and perhaps more into Mexican territory, to insure safety of the people living the border and see that the Pershing expedition is not cut off.

For a time discussion of the Mexican difficulty has been repressed in the Senate. Everybody looks for it to break out again at any time. Renewal of the demand that the national guard be called out and that the Carranza note be presented to the State Department tears out the unofficial version.

**"Situation Bad."**  
Senator Gallinger, Republican leader of the Senate, asked what he thought of the Carranza note, said the situation looked bad.

"If this note is to be taken as a demand that the American troops be withdrawn, we shall be compelled either to withdraw and humiliate ourselves or send more troops down there," he said. Senator Gallinger said he had no confidence in Carranza, and that it seemed as if he were making a bid for political support at home.

Senator Stone, chairman of Foreign Relations, was keenly interested. He read the newspaper accounts of the note, but refused comment. Senator Stone will continue the State Department and the White House today.

Senator Simmons, one of the Democratic chiefs, admitted the gravity of the situation which seemed to be presented, and thought this country must either withdraw or re-enforce.

Declaring that the crossing of the Mexican border never has been formally agreed to by the Carranza government, the note makes this declaration, perhaps the most important of its contents.

"The Mexican government judges it convenient to suspend for the present

## PLOT TO BLOW UP MUNITION SHIPS IS BARED BY PRISONER

Police Say Retired Sea Captain Has Made Confession of Factory's Existence.

#### FOUR MEN IN CUSTODY

NEW YORK, April 13.—Full confession of the details of the plot to blow up ships carrying munitions to the allies has been made by Capt. Charles von Kleist, retired sea captain, and one of the four men arrested last night, the police announced today.

"Sweated" until daybreak today, von Kleist broke down and admitted that he was superintendent of a factory in Hoboken where bombs were made, the police stated. Certain portions of his confession are being withheld. Captain Tunnay believes he is now on the trail of the man "higher up," alleged to have acted as go-between in dealings which Captain Boyd, Captain von Pappen and a mysterious "Captain Sternburg," had with the bombplotters.

Robert Fay, indicted several weeks ago on the charge of conspiring to blow up munition ships, furnished the police the information in which Kleist and his alleged fellow conspirators were arrested.

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Von Kleist was born in Poggendorf, Prussia. He told the police that he lived within a block of the home of Elsmarck and that his father was a personal friend of the former German chancellor.

Before the war von Kleist was in command of the freighter Haulboy, owned by Church Bros. of Tiffin, N. Y. Soon after the outbreak of the war he met a man in Hoboken, who after learning that he was a German and investigating his record, offered him a position as superintendent of a factory at Hoboken which was to manufacture fertilizer.

At various times the factory received sums of money through a man named Hanson. This man, according to the police, was the agent of von Pappen, Boyd and other German officials.

Later the factory began manufacturing bombs and a chemist was hired at \$10,000 a year. The first bomb was placed aboard the Kirk Oswald, timed to explode five days after the steamer left port. When the bomb failed to go off, "Captain Sternburg," and others at the factory attacked the chemist in the laboratory, alleging he was guilty of treachery. The chemist finally convinced Sternburg that the shell of the bomb was too thick and that the acid could not eat its way through.

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## CITIZENS OPPOSE FORUM MEASURE

Connecticut Avenue Body Believes There's "No Public Demand" for Bill.

Opposition to the Hollis-Johnson community forum bill, sponsored before the House District Committee yesterday by Miss Margaret Wilson, was voted by the Connecticut Avenue Citizens' Association last night.

The vote was on a report submitted by Chairman L. H. Johnston for the schools committee.

The schools committee opposed the bill chiefly because the right of "any twenty citizens" to demand the use of a school for forums is left "too wide open," and because "there does not appear to be any extensive public demand for the bill."

Recommendations were adopted that members of the association, in choosing delegates to the national party conventions, vote only for those pledged to party planks that would provide home rule and representation in Congress for the District.

Arthur E. Dowell, for the utilities committee, submitted a resolution commending the Capital Traction Company for a "tripper car" recently added to the Chevy Chase line. It was passed after discussion, in which David Selke, A. L. Faulk, Dr. E. A. Bryant, and others participated.

## MRS. R. V. OULAHAN'S FUNERAL ARRANGED

Wife of Prominent Newspaper Man Will Be Buried Tomorrow Afternoon.

Prominent Government officials, newspaper correspondents and editors joined today in extending condolences to Richard V. Oulahan on the death of Mrs. Oulahan yesterday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Oulahan, whose death was due to heart disease and complications, will be held at St. Matthew's Church tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock. The burial will be private.

Mrs. Oulahan had been dangerously ill for several months, but bravely rallied on several occasions, and some hope was entertained for her recovery until two weeks ago. At that time Richard Oulahan, Jr., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Oulahan, was summoned to remain near his mother.

For several years Mr. and Mrs. Oulahan resided in London, where he served as correspondent for the New York Sun. Since returning to this city Mrs. Oulahan's health has been such that she was forced to forego most of her social duties and spent all of her time at her home in the Parkwood.

Mrs. Oulahan was